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ABSTRACT

This collection explores the struggles of the varied Latino peoples for identity, recognition, and legitimacy in the United States. Issues such as what it means to be Latino/a, what a just immigration policy should be, relations between Latinos and other cultural groups, and whether being Latino is a race or an ethnicity are explored. The 94 chapters of the collection are grouped into the following sections: (1) "The Shape of the Latino Group: Who Are We and What Are We Talking about Anyway?"; (2) "Conquest and Immigration: How We Got (Get) Here"; (3) "Nativism, Racism, and Our Social Construction as a 'Problem' Group: How Once We Were Here, We Were Racialized by the Dominant Culture"; (4) "Racial Construction and Demonization in Mass Culture: Media Treatment and Stereotypes"; (5) "Counterstories: We Begin To Talk Back and 'Name Our Own Reality'"; (6) "Rebellious Lawyering and Resistance Strategies: We Fight Back"; (7) "Revisionist Law: Does the Legal System Work for Us?"; (8) "Assimiliationism: Maybe Our Best Strategy Is Just To Duck?"; (9) "Splits and Tensions within the Civil Rights Community"; (10) "Sex, Gender, and Class: Sure I'm a Latino, but I'm Still Different from You--How about It?"; (11) "English-Only, Bilingualism, Interpreters: You Mean I Can't Speak Spanish?"; and (12) "The Border as Metaphor: What Border Theory Tells Us about Culture." (Contains numerous references.) (SLD)

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